Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 03 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 02 Apr 2021 at 12:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for another fine day for mst then turning unsettled and then much colder with some snow showers.

Headline for Saturday 03 Apr 2021: Dry and sunny, perhaps patchy cloud over the island ranges and far northwest.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 03 Apr 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Fog
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

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Weather: A clear night with a frost in the glens and the odd mist patch. Then a dry sunny day with little or no cloud for most, just the chance of some patchy cloud over Skye and coastal hills of Western Sutherland.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% or more, but 60% near west coast

Visibility: Excellent over most of area, though cloud at 450m may lap onto coastal hills bringing some poor visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	7/10 N	9/13 NW	10/13 W	10/14 NW	9/14 NW	9/14 NW	11/17 W	15/22 W	20/28 SW
900	7/10 N	10/14 NW	10/13 W	9/14 NW	9/14 NW	9/14 NW	10/16 W	14/20 W	18/27 SW
600	4/7 N	7/10 N	7/10 NW	8/12 NW	8/13 NW	7/13 NW	8/13 W	9/15 W	14/23 SW
300	4/9 N	6/14 N	6/15 N	4/12 NW	3/11 NW	4/11 W	4/12 W	3/14 W	5/20 SW
Glen	7/10 N	8/13 N	6/12 N	3/7 NW	4/8 W	6/10 W	5/9 W	4/9 W	6/14 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-5	-2/-7	-2/-7	-1/-6	2/-2	2/-2	1/-4	-1/-7	-2/-8
900	-0/-4	-2/-6	-2/-7	-0/-5	2/-1	3/-1	2/-3	-0/-6	-1/-8
600	1/-1	1/-3	0/-3	2/-2	4/1	5/2	3/0	1/-3	1/-5
300	2/0	2/-1	2/-1	5/4	7/6	8/6	5/4	3/1	2/0
Glen	5/3	4/2	4/2	7/6	8/6	8/6	7/6	5/4	5/3
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	700m	900m	1000m	1000m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing extra

Forecast for Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Weather: Starting clear but cloud sheet edging in from west in early hours. Eastern slopes of Ben Wyvis may start sunny before the cloud reaches there too in the morning. Some mainly light rain, with snow above 1000m, will develop later in the morning, with some heavier bursts developing, bringing snow level down to 700m. It will then brighten up to sunshine but become much colder, then some heavy snow showers will develop in late afternoon and evening, even down to low levels.

Maximum wind: WSW 30 gusts 40mph at first becoming westerly 45 gusts 70mph in the afternoon veering northwest in the evening decreasing 35 gusts 55mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% for much of the day rising to 40% in the evening.

Visibility: Moderate, occasionally poor in rain and snow. Very poor in heavier snow showers in the evening but good away from these. Cloud bases: Extensive at 450-750m in the cloud sheet spreading east bringing the rain, becoming broken by mid afternoon with occasional cloud to 450-600m in showers and some more persistent patches on higher tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around zero at midnight lifting to Plus 6 by morning, peaking at 8 in the rain then falling to around zero again in the evening.
At 800m: Plus 1, rising Plus 3 during the morning, falling to Minus 1 mid afternoon then Minus 5 in the evening.
Freezing level: 900m rising 1200m during the morning, falling 700m by mid afternoon then falling to all levels by dusk.

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